



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: VILLAGRASA et al.

EXAMINER: ESTREMSKY, G.W.

Application Serial No.: 10/530,890

ART UNIT: 3676

Filed: April 11, 20005

Title: HANDLE, IN PARTICULAR FOR MOTOR CAR DOORS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 17, 2007

Sir:

In response to the written election requirement of June 15, 2007 applicant hereby elects species I, directed to the embodiment of figure 1. However, applicant contends that Figures 1-2 are directed to the same embodiment and thus traverse the requirement regarding figure 2. Figures 1-2 show the same embodiment. See page 8, lines 30-31, page 9 line 10, and page 11 lines 13-23 of the specification. Figures 2 simply represents the embodiment of Figure 1 integrated with handle 5. Claims 1-13, and 21-24 are readable on the elected species. Claim 1 is generic.

The Examiner's assertion that the handle of the embodiment of figures 2 "must be operated in a direction perpendicular to operative direction of the elected embodiment of figures 1" is not understood. While Applicant acknowledges that the lead line of reference numeral 4 in Figure 2 appears to point to counterweight 14 rather than the support, drawing figures 1-2 and their structure are nonetheless identical. Grooves 2 in each of figures 1 & 2 are positioned identically and when force is applied in the direction of the two arrows in figure 1 and the single arrow in figures 2, the kinematic relationship regarding both relative

direction and movement in relation to pivoting axis of pivoting pin 9, are identical. Therefore, Applicant maintains that the drawing figures 1-2 depict the same embodiment and claims 1-13 and 21-24 are readable on this singly elected embodiment.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time for five months, and any addition time or necessary relief, for responding to the outstanding Election Requirement dated June 15, 2007. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0548.

Should the examiner believe further discussion regarding the above claim language would expedite prosecution, they are invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted:

By: 

Matthew F. Johnston
Reg. No. 41,096

Berenato, White, & Stavish
6550 Rock Spring Drive
Suite 240
Bethesda, Maryland 20817
(301) 896-0600